

"COMMANDER IN CHIEF PACIFIC OCEAN AREA COMMUNIQUE #470"

THE FOLLOWING SHIPS HAVE OPERATED WITH THE THIRD FLEET IN RECENT OPERATIONS AGAINST THE JAPANESE HOME ISLANDS DURING THE PERIOD FROM 10 JULY TO 15 AUGUST. (EAST LONGITUDE DATE):

BATTLESHIPS- MASSACHUSETTS, INDIANA, SOUTH DAKOTA, WISCONSIN, MISSOURI, IOWA, NORTH CAROLINA, ALABAMA.

AIRCRAFT CARRIERS- LEXINGTON, ESSEX, BENNINGTON, HANCOCK, RANDOLPH, TICONDEROGA, YORKTOWN, SHANGRI-LA, BONHOMME RICHARD, WASP, SAN JACINTO, INDEPENDENCE, BELLEAU WOOD, MONTEREY, BATAAN, COWPENS.

CRUISERS- QUINCY, CHICAGO, BOSTON, ST. PAUL, SPRINGFIELD, TOPEKA, ATLANTA, DAYTON, OKLAHOMA CITY, SAN JUAN, FLINT, SAN DIEGO, PASADENA, ASTORIA, WILKER BARRE, TUCSON, OAKLAND, DULUTH, AMSTERDAM.

DESTROYERS- DE HAVEN, SAMUEL N. DORE, JOHN RODGERS, SCHROEDER, COGSWELL, HEERMAN, SOUTHEPLAND, AULT, JOHN W. WEEKS, COLOHAN, WEDDERBURN, ROWE, CAPERTON, FRANK KNOX, ERBEN, BLACK, MCGOWAN, NORMAN SCOTT, REMEY, ABBOT, HALE, WALKER, STREMBEL, BULLARD, CHAUNCEY, HARRISON, MANSFIELD, LYMAN K. SWENSON, COLLETT, "MADDOX", BRUSH, TAUSSIG, BLUE, MCKEE, RINGGOLD, DASHIELL, INGERSOLL, KNAPP, ENGLISH, CHARLES S. SPERRY, WALDRON, MURRAY, HANK, WALLACE L. LIND, BORIE, WADLEIGH, MERTZ, MONSSEN, MCDERMUT, MCNAIR, MELVIN, CUSHING, UHLMAN, BENHAM, TWINING, STOCKHAM, SMALLEY, STODDARD, WATTS, WREN, HIGBEE, BENNER.

THE FOLLOWING SHIPS HAVE BEEN OPERATING WITH THE BRITISH CARRIER TASK FORCE WHICH HAS OPERATED WITH THE U S THIRD FLEET DURING THE PERIOD FROM 17 JULY TO 15 AUGUST:

BATTLESHIPS- HMS KING GEORGE V.

AIRCRAFT CARRIERS- HMS FORMIDABLE, HMS IMPLACABLE, HMS VICTORIOUS, HMS INDEFATIGABLE.

CRUISERS- HMS NEWFOUNDLAND, HMS ACHILLES, HMS UGANDA, HMS GAMBIA, HMS BLACK PRINCE, HMS EURYALUS.

DESTROYERS- HMS GRENVILLE, HMS UNDAUNTED, HMS URCHIN, HMS UNDIN, HMS URANIA, HMS ULYSSES, HMS QUICKMATCH, HMS QUIBRON, HMS QUIBERON, HMS QUALITY, HMS QUADRANT, HMS TROUBLIDGE, HMS TENACIOUS, HMS WRANGLER, HMS WAKEFUL, HMS TERPISCHORE, HMS TEAZER, HMS TERMAGENT.

IN ADDITION TO THE SHIPS OF THESE TWO STRIKING FORCES NUMEROUS VESSELS CONSTITUTING THE UNITED STATES AND THE BRITISH SERVICE FLEETS HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THIS OPERATION. THEIR MISSION HAS BEEN TO SUPPORT THE FAST CARRIER FORCES BY REPLENISHING THEM FREQUENTLY AT SEA. THE TANKERS, AMMUNITION SHIPS, ESCORT AIRCRAFT CARRIERS, DESTROYERS, DESTROYER ESCORTS AND MISCELLANEOUS SUPPLY SHIPS CONSTITUTING THESE SERVICE FLEETS HAVE TRANSPORTED OIL, GASOLINE, AMMUNITION, REPLACEMENT AIRCRAFT, SPARE PARTS, MAIL AND MANY OTHER COMMODITIES FROM OUR SUPPLY BASES ACROSS THOUSANDS OF MILES TO POINTS AT SEA IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC WHERE THEY HAVE KEPT FREQUENT RENDEZVOUS WITH THE CARRIER FORCES. WITHOUT THE GREAT CONTRIBUTION OF THESE SERVICE FORCES IT WOULD HAVE BEEN IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE UNITED STATES AND BRITISH CARRIERS, PLANE AND BOMBARDMENT FORCES TO CONTINUE THEIR SUCCESSIVE AND PUNISHING BLOWS ON THE JAPANESE HOMELAND.

IN ADDITION, SUBMARINES OF THE U S PACIFIC FLEET SUPPORTED THE OPERATIONS OF THE CARRIER FORCES BY OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS, SEARCH PATROLS AND RESCUE OPERATIONS.

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